

Do not weaken New Jersey's Do Not Call program by allowing businesses to 'break through' the DNC barrier. Over 2.8 million New Jerseyans have already signed up for the Do Not Call Program (representing approximately two out of every three residential phone lines in the state). The program has been a resounding success; many residents report almost a 100 percent drop in unwanted sales calls. I believe due to its success, the law is under a coordinated attack from telemarketers who want the ability to call people despite the fact they have already signed up to stop telemarketing sales calls.

I believe the Federal Communication Commission has an obligation to listen to the will of the States. Do not overturn New Jersey and other states' Do Not Call laws that are stronger than the federal program. Specifically, do not allow businesses to contact any person on the Do Not Call list with whom they have conducted business with during the last 18 months. The New Jersey law does not include this exemption for good reason!

I support Governor Codey, who is adamantly opposed to any weakening of the program.